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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR PO ID  
SUBJ: POSSIBLE PORTUGUESE INITIATIVE ON TIMOR

REF: (A) STATE 171425; (B) STATE 171579; (C) LISBON 4404

1. ACTING POLCOUNTS DISCUSSED INFORMAL REACTIONS (REF A)  
TO POSSIBLE GOP INITIATIVE ON TIMOR WITH THE FOREIGN  
MINISTER'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT ROBERTO CARNEIRO JULY 12.  
CARNEIRO UNDERSTOOD OUR INFORMAL POSITION, BUT NOTED THAT  
ARTICLE 307 OF THE PORTUGUESE CONSTITUTION STATES THAT  
"PORTUGAL SHALL REMAIN BOUND BY ITS RESPONSIBILITY, IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW, TO PROMOTE AND SAFE-  
GUARD THE RIGHT TO INDEPENDENCE OF EAST TIMOR." THUS  
BOUND, HE EXPLAINED, THE GOP CANNOT ACCEPT THE INCOR-  
PORATION OF EAST TIMOR INTO INDONESIA AS A "FAIT ACCOMPLI"  
IN THE ABSENCE OF A VALID ACT OF SELF-DETERMINATION.

2. CARNEIRO WENT ON TO ADD THAT INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO  
THE FOREIGN MINISTRY INDICATES THAT TIMORESE ARE INCREASINGLY  
OPTING FOR FRETILIN AND NOT INDONESIAN CONTROL; THAT THERE  
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ARE CURRENTLY ALMOST 7000 TIMORESE PROHIBITED FROM JOINING  
THEIR FAMILIES IN PORTUGAL; AND THAT IF PORTUGAL WERE ADMITTED  
TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL, TIMOR IS AN ISSUE THEY WOULD BE  
FORCED TO RAISE.

3. ON DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOI AT THE UN, CARNEIRO CHARACTER-  
IZED THEM AS "EXTREMELY INFORMAL." IT HAS, HOWEVER, BEEN

SUGGESTED, HE ADDED, THAT THE GOP AND GOI FOREIGN MINISTERS  
MEET TO DISCUSS TIMOR DURING UNGA THIS FALL.  
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